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8	BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING	
. 9	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
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11	In the Matter of the Statement of Issues	Case No. 2013 - 186
12	Against:	STATEMENT OF ISSUES
13	JENNIFER ANN KREGER	
14	Respondent.	
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16	Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN ("Complainant") alleges:	
17	<u>PARTIES</u>	
18	1. Complainant brings this Statement of Issues solely in her official capacity as the	
19	Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board"), Department of Consumer	
20	Affairs.	
21	2. On or about July 15, 2010, the Board received an Application for Licensure by	
22	Endorsement from Jennifer Ann Kreger ("Respondent"). On or about July 13, 2010, Respondent	
23	certified under penalty of perjury to the truthfulness of all statements, answers, and	
24	representations in the application. The Board denied Respondent's application on April 18, 2011.	
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JURISDICTION

- 3. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code ("Code") section 485(b), on or about April 18, 2011, Respondent's application was denied and she was notified of the right to a hearing to appeal the denial.
- 4. On or about April 29, 2011, Respondent requested a hearing to appeal the denial of her application.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 5. Code section 2736 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may deny a license when it finds that the applicant has committed any acts constituting grounds for denial of licensure under Code section 480.
 - 6. Code section 2761 states, in pertinent part:

The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for the following:

- (a) Unprofessional conduct which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- (4) Denial of licensure, revocation, suspension, restriction, or any other disciplinary action against a health care professional license or certificate by another state or territory of the United States, by any other government agency, or by another California health care professional licensing board. A certified copy of the decision or judgment shall be conclusive evidence of that action.
- (f) Conviction of a felony or of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence thereof.
- 7. Code section 2762 states, in pertinent part:

In addition to other acts constituting unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter [the Nursing Practice Act], it is unprofessional conduct for a person licensed under this chapter to do any of the following:

(b) Use any controlled substance as defined in Division 10 (commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code, or any dangerous drug or dangerous device as defined in Section 4022, or alcoholic beverages, to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to himself or herself, any other person, or the public or to the extent that such use impairs his or her ability to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by his or her license.

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- (c) Be convicted of a criminal offense involving the prescription, consumption, or self-administration of any of the substances described in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section, or the possession of, or falsification of a record pertaining to, the substances described in subdivision (a) of this section, in which event the record of the conviction is conclusive evidence thereof.
- 8. Code section 480 states, in pertinent part:
- (a) A board may deny a license regulated by this code on the grounds that the applicant has one of the following:
- (1) Been convicted of a crime. A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.
- (3)(A) Done any act that if done by a licentiate of the business or profession in question, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of license.
- (B) The board may deny a license pursuant to this subdivision only if the crime or act is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which application is made.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(Out-of-State Discipline)

9. Respondent is subject to discipline under Code section 2761(a)(4), in that on or about March 2, 2007, pursuant to Consent Agreement and Order No. 0605052, issued by the Arizona State Board of Nursing, in a proceeding titled, In the Matter of the Application for Nursing Assistant Certificate by Examination: Filed by: Jennifer Ann Kreger, aka: Selenak, Respondent was granted a Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate, which was immediately revoked. However, the revocation was stayed for twenty-four (24) months with terms and conditions. The Consent Agreement and Order was based on numerous Findings of Fact, including the following: 1) On or about September 16, 1995, Respondent was arrested for possession of LSD; 2) On or about May 13, 2002, Respondent was convicted on her plea of guilty in Orange County Superior Court (California), to driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs, and providing false identification to a Peace Officer; and 3) On or about April 23, 2004, Respondent was convicted on her plea of guilty in Riverside County Municipal Court (California) for driving on a suspended/revoked driver's license (for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs). The terms and conditions, in

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part, required Respondent to submit to random drug testing. On or about June 2, 2008, Respondent failed to submit to a random drug screen. As a result, Respondent's Certified

Nursing Assistant certificate was revoked on June 11, 2008. The Consent Agreement and Order

No. 0605052, is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference.

- 10. On or about May 23, 2008, Respondent submitted an application to the Arizona Board of Nursing for practical nurse licensure by examination. On or about November 19, 2008, the Arizona Board of Nursing voted to grant Respondent's practical license based on Respondent passing the NCLEX exam, meeting all licensure requirements, and signing a Consent Agreement for a stayed revocation probation for twelve (12) months, with terms and conditions, including participation in AA/NA, drug testing, and abstinence from alcohol and unauthorized drugs.
- 11. On or about November 25, 2008, Respondent entered into Consent Agreement and Order No. 0805127, issued by the Arizona State Board of Nursing, in a proceeding titled, *In the Matter of the Application for Practical Nurse Licensure by Examination of Jennifer Ann Kreger*, wherein Respondent's practical nurse license was granted, and immediately revoked. However, the revocation was stayed for twelve (12) months with terms and conditions. Respondent successfully completed probation and was issued a practical nurse license. The Consent Agreement and Order No. 0805127, is attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by reference.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(Conviction of a Crime)

12. Respondent's application is subject to denial under Code sections 2761(f), and 480(a)(1), in that on or about May 31, 2006, in the case of *State of Arizona v. Jennifer Ann Kreger*, (Muni. Ct. Yavapai County, 2006, Case No. TR-0200600683), Respondent was convicted by the Court on her plea of guilty of violating A.R.S. section 28-1381(A)(1) (driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor), a misdemeanor. The crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensed registered nurse.

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THIRD CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(Committed Acts Which If Done By A Licentiate)

13. Respondent's application is subject to denial under Code section 480(a)(3)(A), in that she committed acts which if done by a licentiate of the profession would constitute grounds for discipline, as more particularly set forth above in paragraph 12. Such conduct would constitute grounds for discipline under Code sections 2761(f) (conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a license holder). The conduct described in paragraph 12 would also constitute grounds for discipline under Code sections 2762(b) (convicted of a crime involving the consumption of alcohol); and 2762(c) (used alcoholic beverages to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to herself and the public).

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

- 1. Denying the application of Jennifer Ann Kreger for a registered nurse license; and,
- 2. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: September 13, 2012

LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., R.

Executive Officer

Board of Registered Nursing

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant